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RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 5, 2002.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The application stands subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has designated Group I to include claims 14, 15-22, 36, 37-44 and 59 drawn to method of annealing a substrate/structure classified in class 117 subclass 7; Group II to include claims 60-61 drawn to an annealing container classified in class 117 subclass 200; Group

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III to include claims 1-13, 23-35, 45-58 drawn to method of fabricating an ion exchange waveguide (IEWG) classified in class 438 subclass 689; and Group IV to include 62-72 drawn to IEWG device classified in class 385 subclass 129.

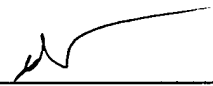
In response, applicant elects to pursue the claims of Group I and cancel the claims of Group II, Group III and Group IV without prejudice to its right to reintroduce them in a divisional application.

Accordingly claims 1-13, 23-35, 45-58, 60-61 and 62-72 are hereby cancelled.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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